

with him, happened to drop on the man he was seeking. Quincey's size is not so imposing as his pluck, and the "wanted" man, who is a powerful ruffian, seems to have thought it worth while to show fight. Accordingly a very tough struggle ensued which seemed likely to end in a tragedy, for the prisoner drew a revolver, and, pressing the muzzle against Quincey's chest, put the gun to fire. His hand was apparently so shaken that there was no cartridge in it, however. The sight of the weapon appears to have reminded the fellow that he had urgent business outside, and the Inspector was left to make the best of the job. The struggle continued for some trifles, and when Hadden and Meyer, who had been searching the other streets, came to the Inspector's aid, the matter was quickly settled. The prisoner was brought before Mr. Wodehouse to-day, charged with attempting to shoot the police officer, and the case was remanded. The Chinese authorities charge the prisoner, whose name is given as Li An Chai, with stealing about \$300 worth of property from the shop of a silversmith in the Hwang Shien district, and the master of the vessel, Mr. J. C. Messers, of Messrs. Watson's office, appears on behalf of the Chinese authorities and the vessel is detained to Mr. Wilkinson.

A PENANG correspondent writes :—A rather smart stratagem, with the object of defeating the course of justice, was recently put into practice by a couple of gentlemen, at Penang. It was on a Saturday afternoon, "when darkness began to creep on the face of the earth," that one among a number of ladies and gentlemen who were discussing the latest on offer at the Mall Hotel, observed a couple of men sneaking about the bamboo bush hard by. With the prospect of a tussle with a would-be robber or an assassin some gentlemen rushed out only to discover that these men were the myrmidons of the law in quest of an individual from a neighbouring Native State who had unaccountably failed to settle his case on the eve of his departure to Europe, and who happened to be among the company. This gentleman at once conceived the idea of giving the bailiff the slip and persuaded a friend to exchange coat and cap, and this being done, he walked out unmolested. Subsequently the bailiff marched up to his supposed victim and in a pompous tone said he arrested him in the name of the Queen. The company and a host of laughing on-lookers undecieved the bailiff, who as quickly retired from the scene greatly crest-fallen, and uttering a scarcely audible apology.

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now, the way to the village. His Majesty's Commissioner, Mr. H. A. Macpherson, has been asked to beguile the tedious up there is not definitely stated. Among other things, however, he has taken to fishing. It might be suggested to him that if he were to do a little prospecting on this island on behalf of the Tioman Mining Syndicate he might find a pleasant and lessening occupation, and be occupying his time more profitably than he is at others. Whether Tioman is to rival Raub in gold or Bentong in tin will presently prove, but it would at least be so much to the credit of the 'King without a people' if he would do us all the service of contributing to the solution of that problem. It was just the other day that the mail papers announced that the Queen of the Netherlands, the Princess Wilhelmina, had occupied the place filled by the former of King Marie I. was a visit through the House of Commons by an English M.P. and was the centre of general attention on the part of the younger and more impressive of the legislators of the Lower House. The lady referred to, it is to be presumed, does not propose to come out to the territories of Malacca until her husband has first made his way to the island of his authority, which will not be for a little while yet. In the meantime the royal shirt-buttons are being looked after by humber bands—*Singapore Free Press*.

The Chairman, after explaining the object of the meeting, said the company's funds had already been exhausted in preparing the present crop for shipment and a further amount would be required for the same purpose. There was no provision whatever for further cultivation and it was, with the object of finding some capital for this purpose that negotiations had been entered into through Mr Stokes with some capitalists in London.

Mr J. B. Gomes asked if the meeting could be informed as to the proportion

new profession, and there was no more welcome face in every office than that of George Counts. To say that he will be greatly missed is brittle and inadequate; he is and will long be really lamented. Earlier in the summer he was so ill as to have to give up work for a time, but he recovered, and was able to return to his profession, taking interest in the preparations for the happy event that was fixed for yesterday. He had been ailing for the last three days, his breathing being interfered with, but no immediate danger was anticipated, and

of September). He has modified his plans to a certain extent; he now says in his proclamation that he intends to collect *leñin* or cotton yarns only, but it is an open secret that as soon as he thinks it is practicable, he intends to add one article after another until every article of import is included. It would have been too risky for him to attempt to collect this tax on *piase* goods at present, as he originally proposed. The *piase* goods dealers are very strong, and he was given pretty clearly to understand that they would not submit without a struggle.

T. L. bond 20 pkgs Sundries.
 Per S. S. *A. Syddia* ailed 29 h Sept.
 F. E. Vancouver, B.C., 300 bags Rice, 10
 cases Oil, 51 cases Tea and 109 pkgs. Mer-
 chandise; for Victoria, B.C., 20 cases
 Opium, 21 cases Oil and 427 pkgs. Mer-
 chandise; for Portland, 1,940 bags Rice and
 543 pkgs. Merchandise; for New Writ-
 timster, 8 cases Opium, 10 boxes Oil and
 40 pkgs. Merchandise; for Montreal, 8 cases
 Opium; for Boston, 137 pkgs. Merchandise;
 for New York, 50 cases Raw Silk and 10
 pkgs. Merchandise.

